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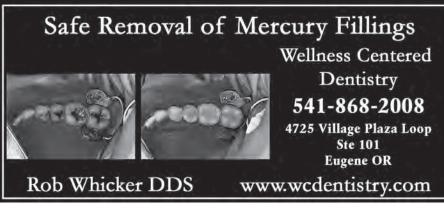
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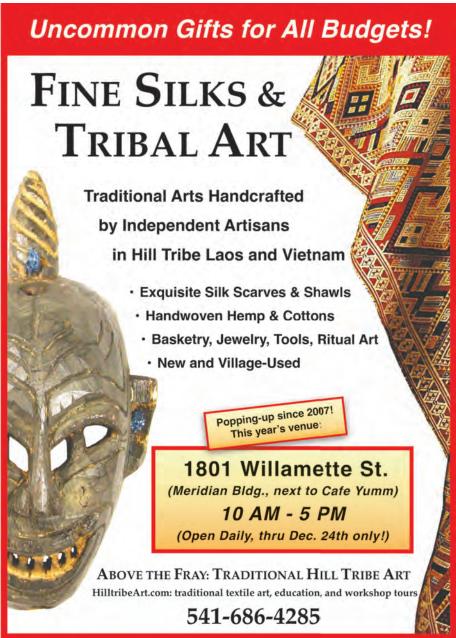
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From helping a good dog out to saving Oregon's forests, these are the nonprofits readers suggest donating to this holiday season!













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# letters

## Local Voices, Local Topics



#### Serve with Love

The city of Eugene has been targeting people in our community who offer resources to the

poor and huddled masses. This cannot continue. People suffer enough on the streets, but it's clear that many are embarking on a war of attrition on the most vulnerable in our community.

Concerned citizens showed up in force to assist with the food distribution and to defend the good people of Neighbors Feeding Neighbors from being ticketed or arrested as the cops had threatened, and indeed the cops backed off when they were confronted by these volunteers. This is a call to action for concerned people of Eugene. Don't look the other way while the city's harassment of the unhoused and those who help them continue. Join Neighbors Feeding Neighbors (every Wednesday through Saturday at 9 am at WJ park). Contact them at NeighborsFeedingNeighbors.or@gmail. com, join Food Not Bombs (every Friday at 4:30 pm at the Park Blocks) or start your own food distribution with your friends. I know of several such guerilla-food distros that have already popped up in WJ park, meeting under the cover of night to hand off the most delicious soups for the low cost of complete freedom.

Let the hatred of our culture of contempt boil the pasta inside your heart to fill the bellies of the friends you make along the

> Sam Sokolsky Eugene

#### Compost is the Key

Eliot Bald (EW Letters, 12/5) makes some good points about Eugene's leaf pick up, but he fails to address the most important question: Why are home owners and property managers putting so many leaves in the street in the first place?

Leaves are a valuable on-site resource, and they should be tucked around bushes, left under trees or put in a compost pile. If done each year, the need for additional fertilizer will be reduced.

In our block, there are very few leaves needing pickup because I snag most of them to distribute around our own property.

Geraldo Morsello

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#### The Battle is On

In an attempt to cancel out a letter published in print on Dec. 12 (EW, "Astrology over Savage Love"), please, actually keep the so-called "stupid" Savage Love in the print edition and let generic astrology fans go online for that. Savage Love is an alternative newspaper staple that spans the nation and spans decades.

> Alexander LaVake Eugene

#### A Nod to Parker Learning Gardens

Parker Learning Gardens is growing mightily! The 330-acre educational organic farm has spent the pandemic offering outside education to children and families, offering children's garden clubs and teen garden clubs, fresh cider-pressing and apple gleaning to low-income and neuro-divergent families in Lane County since 2020. Check out our website (ParkerLearningGardens.org) to donate and to see how you can help.

> Robin Winfree-Andrew Eugene

#### 'Experience Amazing'

What struck me most about the Dec. 12 cover photo of Eugene mayor-elect Kaarin Knudson were the Nike and Patagonia logos on her jogging outfit. They reminded me of my definition of a Lexus liberal.

A Lexus liberal donates to the Sierra Club, sits on nonprofit boards and supports all the public levies. But she also works on the upper floor of a bank building, lives in a \$750,000 home and drives, well, a Lexus. (And jogs in upscale togs!)

> Tim Baxter Eugene

#### **Need Some Help with** Sudoku

Can you make that Sudoku game any smaller? I am looking forward to investing in a larger magnifying glass!

Suzanne O'Shea

Editor's note: We shrank last week's Sudoku a little enthusiastically as we tried to balance content, ads and puzzles in print! We'll try to re-inflate it this week.

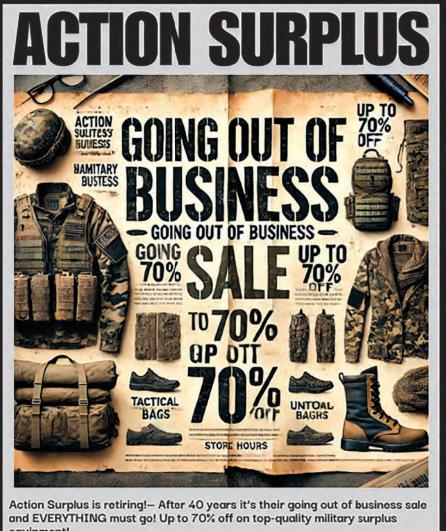
#### What's Next in Slant?

Hot damn, I'm pumped with your latest Slant screed following the killing of United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson, a 50-yearold family man with two kids. Yes, you grandly note, while a shot in the back is murder, we must be sympathetic with the killer's motives, but also demand Thompson's ilk be "arrested and sent to prison for fraud." Without a trial? Right on!

You also indicated it's time we the people go after PeaceHealth (my provider). Prison,

It's not going to be easy. We just had an election and the people spoke. That may be a hurdle. Ditto the Bill of Rights.

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Hurry in for massive savings on survival gear, hunting equipment, backpacks, mummy bags, shovels, canteens, bug repellent, duffel bags, stretchers, river rafts, rain gear, and much more!"

Don't wait! Action Surplus-where everything must go!"

Action Surplus, on the Eugene Side of the Springfield bridge (next to Roaring Rapids Pizza) on Franklin!



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# Season's Greetings

>> Merry Winter Solstice (and beginning of winter), Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy Boxing Day! And happy days off to those of us who don't celebrate any of those. It's an impressive cluster of holidays between the Thursdays Eugene Weekly publishes this week.

>> The University of Oregon seems to have posted a new website saying that faculty members shouldn't expect to get raises sought by their union, United Academics. The peculiar site, StrengtheningUO. org, says "The stark reality is that our current financial challenges make it impossible to offer the salary increases the union is requesting without dramatic changes to how we support our students' education." It also repeats the dubious claim that the multi-million-dollar athletic department is fully self supporting but can't contribute any money to academics. Except for the UO logo and a copyright notice, the website offers no indication of who wrote it or why, though it links to the actual UOregon.edu site. In tune with the UO's usual commitment to transparency, registration for the URL hosting the Wordpress site comes back as "redacted." Check out Bill Harbaugh's UOMatters.com for his usual spicy take on it.

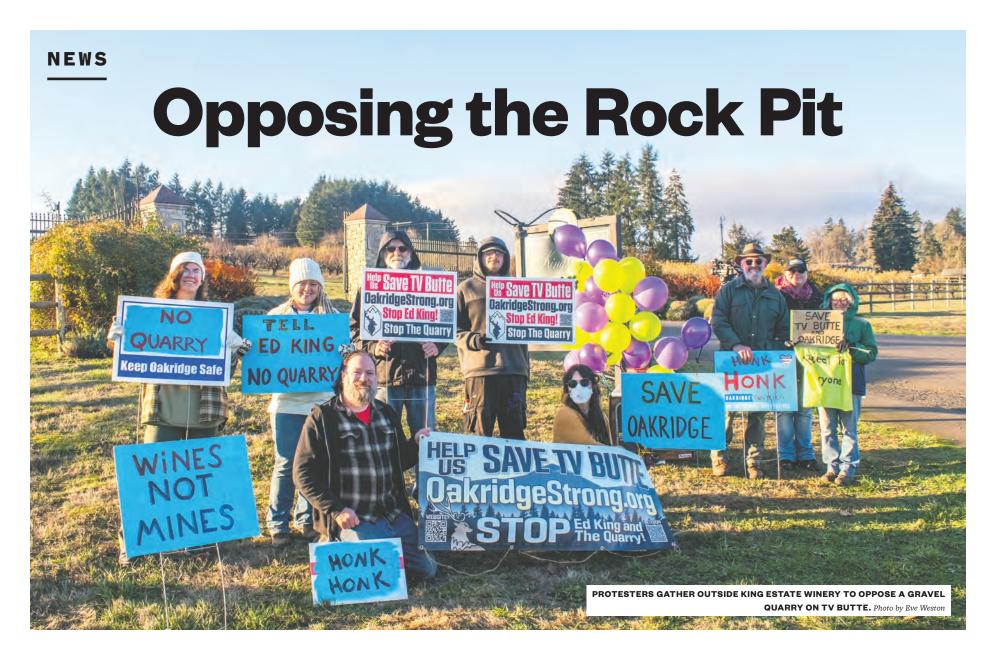
>> Last week's story, "Toxic Lawsuit," about the federal charges filed against J.H. Baxter, omitted a zero. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has already levied \$350,000 in civil fines against Baxter for a sweeping range of violations at the plant, not \$35,000.

>> Our readers don't always agree with us, and we don't always agree with our readers, but the dialogue on the opinions and letters pages of a newspaper is part of a thriving democracy. One letter-writer this week weighed in on Mayor-elect Kaarin Knudson's jogging togs, calling her a "Lexus liberal." Judging a woman based on her outfit rubs us the wrong way — we want to see policies and action (or inaction) to judge political folks on. But just because we buy ink by the barrel doesn't mean we don't want to



hear what you think! Join the dialogue by writing Letters@EugeneWeekly.com. Or if you want to hear us rant (and talk about what's in the paper), sign up for our email newsletters at EugeneWeekly.com/newsletter.

>> This week is our annual Giving Guide issue (and thank you, thank you to the folks who have given to Eugene Weekly's nonprofit arm), so here's some nonprofit news: RAD (Radical Alternative Development), our favorite punk organization of mental health specialists, drug/alcohol counselors and social workers, is now a 501(c)3 nonprofit! Find out more at @RAD.Eugene.Oregon on Instagram. Founding director of SquareOne Villages (and current EW columnist and former pastor of First Christian Church of Eugene) Dan Bryant has retired, with deputy director Andrew Heben stepping into the director role. Got some nonprofit news? Or heck, any other rumor-chasing notes? Let us know at Editor@EugeneWeekly.com.



Oakridge residents continue the nearly decade-long battle against the construction of a quarry on TV Butte

BY BENTLEY FREEMAN

have been working on opposing this rock pit for the last nine years," Oakridge resident Kathy Pokorny says. "My daughter asked me the other day, 'Mom, are you going to spend your whole life working on this thing?' And I don't think I should have to."

The "rock pit" is a proposed gravel quarry on TV Butte, which sits less than one mile outside Oakridge city boundaries. The rural town itself has a geographic footprint of only 2.2 square miles. Oakridge sits in the shadow of TV Butte, and residents say this mine will not only harm their views, but their blossoming mountain bike tourism industry, their water and air quality, and every individual's health.

After the first application finally failed in 2021, Old Hazeldell Quarry started this second  ${\bf r}$ 

attempt in 2022, without minimizing the previously identified issues surrounding nearby big game habitats. Many Oakridge residents have been fighting Old Hazeldell's efforts to turn TV Butte into a quarry for nearly a decade.

Pokorny and her husband Louis Pokorny live outside city limits, less than half a mile away from the proposed construction site. "It's hard because you're living in the middle of it, and we walk outside our door — doesn't matter which door — and TV Butte is right there in front of us," Kathy Pokorny says.

The Pokornys own one of the 16 properties within the proposed quarry's 1,500-foot impact zone, according

to the quarry's application to the Lane County Board of County Commissioners. The property sits on protected forested lands, which must be rezoned for quarry mining operations through a vote by the county commission.

"Depending on what their operating hours are and lighting and everything else, it could be a real eyesore and disturb the peace and tranquility that we're used to out here in rural Oakridge," Oakridge Mayor Bryan Cutchen says.

Cutchen, along with the entire Oakridge City Council, sent a letter requesting the application be denied. Kelly Brewer, an Oakridge city councilor, says it feels like their requests have fallen on deaf ears.

"It's really disappointing," Brewer says. "We've given them all the information that they need to make a decision to deny it and yet we're still here."

On Oct. 15, County Commissioners David Loveall, Ryan Ceniga and Pat Farr voted to extend the public record 46 will be mined, according to the application.

Bill Kloos, the land use attorney representing Old Hazeldell, says he's not authorized to respond to *Eugene Weekly*'s request for comment, but during the Oct. 15 public hearing, he requested the public record be extended so the applicant could remedy issues about big game. At the same time he said that there was no more need for public input. "One public hearing is enough," he said at the time.

Kloos said this application is "exactly the same application that's been before this board" almost 10 years ago — when Old Hazeldell made its first attempt to turn TV Butte into a quarry. "Planning staff has changed. Public works staff has changed. The board has changed, which means this board may see compliance with standards where the former board did not," he said.

In 2016, the Lane County Commissioners (then majority conservative) tentatively voted 4-1 to approve Old Hazeldell's 2015 application, voting again in 2018. This

decision was appealed to Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals, which remanded the decision back to the (then majority liberal) county commission; the commissioners denied that application 3-2 in 2021.

Lane County Land Management Division Senior Planner Taylor Carsley says staff identified several deficiencies in the most recent application — notably with the same issue that stopped the last effort in 2015, a nearby big game habitat — and requested that Old

Hazeldell remedy them.

In a big game management plan submitted during the extended public record on Nov. 4, Old Hazeldell asserted it would provide an in-kind nearby habitat for the nearby elk and deer in compliance with Goal 5. Old Hazeldell consulted with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and with Wetlands and Wildlife LLC, a Eugene-based environmental regulation compliance consulting firm.

On Nov. 25 ODFW Regional Habitat Biologist Joseph Stack submitted a letter in response to the management plan. "While the Big Game Management Plan represents a step in the right direction, it still contains several flaws

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- KELLY BREWER, OAKRIDGE CITY COUNCILOR

— allowing Old Hazeldell LLC to submit more evidence showing the site's compliance with Oregon's Goal 5, a statewide planning document governing the protection and use of natural resources.

One of Old Hazeldell LLC's members is real estate investment company Crown Properties, which the Oregon Secretary of State Corporations Division lists as managed by Ed King III. King III is the co-founder and co-CEO of King Estate Winery.

Crown Properties purchased 28.85 acres of the land for the mine from the city of Oakridge in 2011 for \$123,000. The quarry's operations will take up 107 acres, of which

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identified by ODFW staff during the initial draft review in June 2023," Stack writes. "The plan does not adequately address or identify potential impacts."

Carsley agrees. "Staff consider the proposed big game management plan to be incomplete, inadequate to minimize significant conflicts to major big game habitat, ambiguous, and unenforceable," he writes in a Nov. 25 memorandum sent to the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

Oakridge doesn't want to lose any nearby Elk habitat, Cutchen says, and it doesn't want to lose any potential business either.

While he says that mountain biking has been a bridge to get past that loss, Oakridge is still looking to bring in new industry. "You don't want to turn away business, but not

without a good reason anyway, which is why we've kind of given this a lot of thought and discussion publicly," he says. "There is an unemployment problem in Oakridge."

Oakridge City Administrator James Cleavenger says that no industry will want to share the road with 86 gravel trucks driving back and forth daily — and anything technical is a nonstarter due to the nonstop explosions.

"If I'm looking at a piece of property in the industrial park to start a business, I don't want blasting going on six days a week," Cleavenger says. "If you're doing something technical and then — boom! — it's not conducive to that."

The environmental quality in Oakridge would decline significantly, says Michelle Emmons, former president of the Oakridge Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce and interim executive director at Willamette Riverkeeper.

"The problem with the crusher is that it's 25 to 30 feet away from the edge of the toxic landfill that's located up there," Emmons says. "Now we're dealing with wildfires and a fucking quarry — that if it gets built — my property value is going to go way down," she says. "My property isn't even going to sell. My lifelong investment will go down the toilet."

Fellow homeowner Louis Pokorny says, "Like my wife says, our daughters went, 'Are you gonna do this the rest of your life?"

To learn more about the project, the applicant or to read evidence submitted during public record go to LaneCountyOR.gov/Hazeldell.

# MAJOR FRANKLIN BOULEVARD PROJECT AHEAD

UO works on land lease to Portland developer

BY CHRISTIAN WIHTOL



rm in arm, a Portland firm and the University of Oregon are moving ahead with what would be the biggest redevelopment project at the UO since the rebuilding of Hayward Field in 2018.

The UO has never done a project like this latest one: leasing its land to a for-profit developer who would build a major privately-owned hotel/retail/housing complex; agreeing to explore "co-branding" with the hotel; and agreeing to refer employees to the center's apartments.

The so-called University Village development would be big: 586,000 square feet, according to the developer's recent filings with the city. That's equal to the footprint of four typical Costco warehouses.

The project is "pretty unique" for the UO, Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance, told the UO Board of Trustees earlier this fall as it OK'd non-binding terms for what is the most recent concept of how to develop the Franklin Boulevard site on the northeast edge of campus.

The UO and the developer, which goes by the name Project^, are now hashing out details for a binding land lease. Mike Harwood, who oversees the UO's facilities planning, says he expects a signed lease early next year.

Although dubbed a "village," the end result won't be a rustic hamlet.

Preliminary filings by Project' show buildings up to seven stories surrounding the old, historic Romania car dealership. The four-acre site is one block east of another big UO development: Matthew Knight Arena.

Many specifics remain unset, Harwood tells *Eugene Weekly*. Basic elements include an "upper-upscale" Marriott or Hilton of seven stories with 200 rooms; two five- to seven-story market-rate apartment blocks; and a four-story parking garage flanked by townhomes, according to Project's filings. Eugene zoning rules limit buildings on the property to seven stories.

There's no guarantee the deal will proceed. The UO and Project^ have drafted and scrapped several concepts since 2019. But after the UO board approved a set of terms in September, Project^ felt confident enough to begin meeting with city planners to talk details.

Officials with Project^ did not respond to emails from *EW*.

If a ground lease is signed, Project<sup>^</sup> faces heavy lifting: signing up investors to provide equity money, and lenders to provide loans, and nailing down specifics of

THE OLD ROMANIA CAR DEALERSHIP AT 2020 FRANKLIN BOULEVARD, NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SURPLUS WAREHOUSE AND PRODUCT DESIGN BUILDING, IS SLATED TO BECOME A PRIVATELY OWNED 'GO-BRANDED' RETAIL/HOTEL/HOUSING COMPLEX. Photo by Eve Weston

the buildings. A total cost for the four-acre project has not been disclosed.

The historic-listed "Googie" architecture car dealership is required to be preserved. Project^'s paperwork shows it as revamped retail space.

The initial Project<sup>^</sup> grand plan was for a hotel and offices, but the company dropped that as COVID-19 gutted demand for office space. The next iteration was almost all apartments, but rising mortgage interest rates made that unattractive to the developer, the UO says.

Construction of the current version would begin in late 2026 and take three years, the UO says.

The UO would lease the land to Project<sup>^</sup> starting at \$589,000 a year for up to 75 years, according to the term sheet. In the context of the UO's annual budget of \$1.4 billion, the rent is paltry. After all, the UO pays its president, Karl Scholz, nearly double the proposed lease. His salary, UO payments into his retirement account, and his car allowance total \$911,000 a year.

But UO officials like the project's housing and hotel/ conference amenities. "We are finding that recruiting faculty and staff was getting very challenging because of housing situations, so part of the goal of this was to provide ... some shorter-term attractive housing for our faculty and staff that's more affordable and closer to campus, as we're recruiting," Moffitt told the board in September. The development would have 150 to 200 housing units, Harwood says.

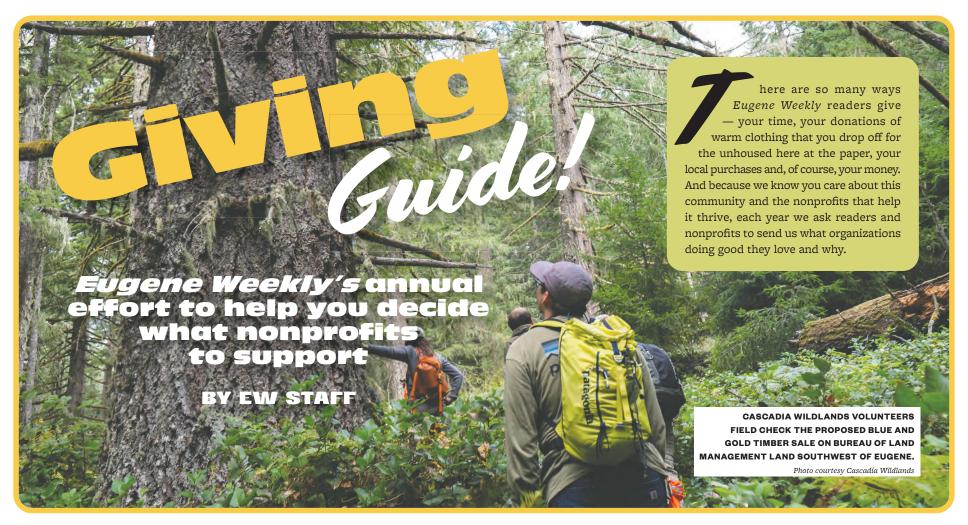
Project<sup>^</sup> will explore getting federal or state help to keep the apartment rents "affordable," he says.

Would UO employees have priority on the housing? That's unclear. "Of course, we would like our staff and faculty to reside there. Whether we can give them some sort of preference or not, I just don't know the answer to that," Harwood tells *EW*.

UO staff told the board they would explore co-branding with the hotel. It's hazy what that might look like. "We have a number of things we have to navigate in that realm to make sure we are not being unfairly [preferential]," Harwood says.

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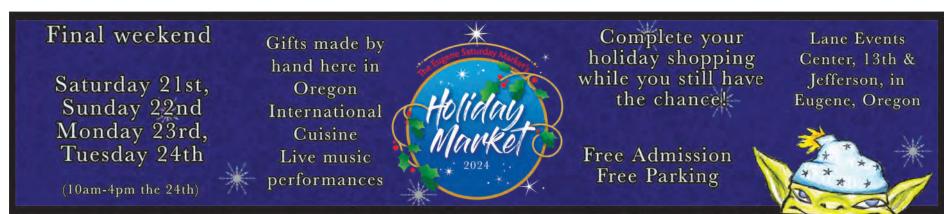
#### **ENCIRCLE FILMS**

2625 West 22nd Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405. 408-489-4915. EncircleFilms.org

"Now in its 12th season, Encircle Films shows documentaries monthly at the Art House. It's a great way to get in-depth information on a social justice topic and participate in a Q&A after the film with national and local leaders. Last year, Encircle Films honored local Women of Impact nominees." — Sue Barnhart, retired social worker, peace, justice and environmental activist

#### **EUGENE PEACEWORKS**

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"PeaceWorks' primary project is the development of KEPW community radio 97.3 FM, an independent community resource that broadcasts popular national shows like Democracy Now and Alternative Radio, in addition to over 40 locally produced radio shows that provide local exposure for the work of local artists and other area nonprofits." - Phil Prince, retired civil servant, Encircle Films Board of Directors

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#### ANIMALS

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"If it weren't for their help, my boy Loki would not be here today. The kindness they showed my family during our time of need truly saved his life. Attached to this email are all the necessary documents needed to give them my endorsement. I cannot think of a more worthy cause; I wholeheartedly stand behind them and will be a patient for life." — Amy Hobson-Busier, Loki's person

#### **GREENHILL HUMANE** SOCIETY

88530 Green Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-689-1503. Green-hill.org

"Greenhill Humane Society works hard to take care and find homes for many of the dogs in our community. Greenhill is a vital member of our community, from hosting events such as Bark in the Park, assisting in disaster response, to the day to day care of animals." — Rosemary Ruiz,

### **ANIMAL GUILD**

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"Willamette Animal Guild (WAG) provides low-cost spay/neuter and wellness services to Lane County. WAG completed its 80,000th S/N surgery recently, which represents 400,000 less cats and dogs on the streets or impacting shelters. WAG



would appreciate support to continue providing accessible and low-cost pet care." — Vanessa Ringgold, supporter

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"On these cold December days, please consider giving a donation to our friends who live in Eugene's 'Conestoga' huts, run by remarkable Community Supported Shelters (CSS). Committed to helping the unhoused in Eugene, CSS is a place where individuals are given the resources and encouragement to rebuild their lives." — Andrea Callahan, donor, volunteer and advocate of CSS

#### **EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY** FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS OF THE EUGENE **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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"The teen space at Eugene Public Library is something special — teen library staff go above and beyond: learning about each unique teen patron, creating volunteer opportunities for them, and hosting diverse, fun art activities — all for free. As a parent of a teen who has benefitted from this, I know supporting the library ensures everyone can share this incredible resource." — Krista Raasch, local library supporter

#### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CENTRAL LANE**

1210 Oak Patch Road, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-741-1707. HabitatLane.org

"Habitat is scaling up production to build more homes across Lane County! They are creating affordable homeownership opportunities for hardworking families and individuals that are too often priced out of the local market. Thanks to the support of volunteers and donors, 12 homes are nearing completion at Fischer Village! — Amanda Adams, outgoing board president and volunteer



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### Giving Guide

# PEARL BUCK CENTER OFFERS PEOPLE WITH VARIOUS ABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES QUALITY CHOICES AND SUPPORT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. Photos courtesy Pearl Buck Center

#### **HOUSING OUR VETERANS**

2055 West 12th Avenue, Eugene OR 97402.

541-606-9220. HousingOurVeterans.org

"After conquering my struggles and addictions, I needed continuous support and found Housing Our Veterans who have given me the housing, structure and guidance to become the man I am today." — Thomas Munn, veteran living in a HOV residence

#### **OPHELIA'S PLACE**

1577 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-284-4333. OpheliasPlace.net

"OP is a transformative space for my daughter by offering person-centered support and empowerment that goes beyond what I could provide alone. Thanks to OP, my daughter confidently embraces her voice, strength and potential to create change in the world. I'm grateful for the safe, inclusive environment OP offers girls." — Jay Brown, a very proud OP parent raising an incredible 11-year-old girl

#### **PEARL BUCK CENTER**

3690 West 1st Avenue, Eugene OR 97402. 541-484-4666. PearlBuckCenter.com

"Really, since 1953?! Yes, really. Pearl Buck Center has been championing justice for 71 years. When it wasn't usual and certainly not cool, PBC launched services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I support their mission because people who had been pushed to the outside are now inside, belonging." — Margaret Theisen, donor

#### **SHELTERCARE**

499 West 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401. ShelterCare.org

"When I was in practice, I had unhoused patients who received care after hospitalization from a ShelterCare program. The hospital would refer unhoused patients who still needed medical recuperation to ShelterCare so they could be discharged instead of staying in the hospital. This was a win-win for everyone! Thanks so much!" — Dr. Tom Harburg, retired Kaiser Permanente physician and past-chair, ShelterCare board of directors

#### **SOLE TO SOUL VETERANS THANKSGIVING** PROJECT, INC.

1451 Adelman Loop, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-513-2253

"The meals we receive from Sole to

Soul every Thanksgiving creates a sense of community in our house and reinforces the bond we developed in our military careers into civilian life." — John Burdick, veteran who has received fully cooked meals from S2S for the past nine years

#### **TOOLBOX PROJECT**

2235 Adams Street, Eugene, OR 97405. 541-838-0125. Eugene Tool Box Project.org.

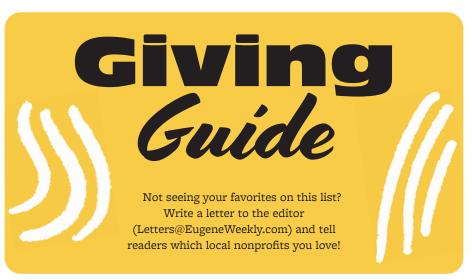
"I've been a ToolBox Project member for two years, completing projects like refinishing my kitchen cabinets, painting rooms, and more. I've borrowed specialty tools like miter saws and nail guns for \$0-\$10 per week, avoiding the cost and storage of rarely used tools. Join me in owning less, but having more!" — Wendee Crofoot, ToolBox Project member

#### THE KARENG FUND (SERVING LOW-INCOME **ARTISANS IN OREGON**)

30 East Broadway, Suite 160, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-543-7864. KarengFund.org

"I have made a request of the Kareng Fund twice in the 30 or so years I have been a market member. Having somewhere to reach out to in crisis was life changing. Knowing there is assistance when needed with dignity and care is wonderful." — Kate White Horse, jeweler











## what's happening

Eating, drinking and being merry since 1982.



Photo courtesy of Ari Saliba

The sun sets around 4:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 21, plunging Eugene into the longest night of the year. To celebrate, join Shift Community Cycle's **Winter Solstice Group Ride** and bring the light back to the cold, dark Eugene night! Using an array of spoke lights, twinkle lights and small bike lights, the Youth Programs team at Shift guarantees your bicycle a healthy glow-in-the-dark shine! "We wanted to host this event to celebrate the change of seasons and remind people that we can still ride bikes in the dark and cold," says Ari Saliba, Youth Programs assistant manager at Shift. "We just need to take a few more precautions to make it safe and fun." Once the sun has set and the bikes are well-adorned, likely between 5 pm and 5:30 pm, cyclists of all ages will set off up 5th Avenue for a mellow, 2-mile loop. After the ride, feel free to take those fun new lights home with you! "We hope it encourages them to ride their bike all through the winter and be safe while doing so," Saliba says. The event is about more than just the ride, though. Before embarking on the 5th Avenue loop, you're encouraged to snuggle up with the provided hot cocoa and make ornaments out of upcycled bike parts! "The upcycled bike parts come from various refurbished bikes and bike donations that have been given to Shift but are not able to be used on other bikes due to excessive wear or damage," Saliba says. All craft materials will be provided by Shift Community Cycles. — *Emma J Nelson* 

Shift Community Cycles' Winter Solstice Group Ride is 4 pm Saturday, Dec. 21, at Shift Community Cycles, 811 West 6th Avenue. All ages are

#### December 19

#### THURSDAY

#### Benefits

Bingo Night for CASA of Lane County, 7-9pm, Twisted Duck, 533 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

#### Comedy

**Leah Rudick**, 7pm, Olsen Run Comedy Club, 44 E. 7th Ave. \$25.

The Thirsty Mic, 9pm, Manifest Beer Co., 710 Willamette. FREE.

#### Dance

**Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker**, 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$18-70.

#### Film

**We Are All in This Together**, 6:30pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$9-12.

#### Food/Drink

**Pizza & Pint**, 4-9pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette. \$18.

**Thirsty Thursday**, 4pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. FREE.

**Gnome Fest**, 5-8pm, Oakshire Public House, 207 Madison St. FREE.

Thursday Tasting: Oakshire Brewing, 5pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette. FREE.

#### Gatherings

Hearing Voices & Different Realities Discussion & Support **Group**, 1-2:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., bldg. B. FREE.

Karuna Grief & Bereavement Support Group, 1:30-3:30pm, Ctr. for Spiritual Living Eugene, 390 Vernal St. FREE.

Retired Senior Providers of Lane County w/ Melisa Andrion, 2pm, Sheldon Oaks Retirement, 2525 Cal Young

**Candlelight Tour**, 5:30-7:30pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette. FREE-\$6.

#### **Kids/Family**

**Preschool Playtime**, 10:15am, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

**Hoodoo's Wintervention**, 6-8pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

NAMI Family Support Group, 7-8:30pm, NAMI Lane County, 129 9th St., Spfd. FREE.

#### Literary Arts

**Writing Time**, 2:30-5pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

#### Music

**The Jazz Symbiosis Trio**, jazz, bossa nova, 5:30-8:30pm, Jazzy Ladies Cafe & Club, 560 Oak St. N/C.

**Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts**, 6pm, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C. **Acoustic Minds**, EDM, hip hop, soul, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

**Olivia Fields Quartet**, jazz, 7:30-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$20.

**DJ Food Stamp**, vinyl, 8pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. N/C

Grave Days w/ Aggrobats, Rabyd Rabbyt, Outrage Powershifter, Goth rock, 8pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. \$10.

The Backwoods Drifters, bluegrass, country swing, 8-9:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Funk Jam, 9pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

#### Nightlife

Shelbyville Trivia w/ Brett, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F. FREE.

**FWD Trivia**, 7-9pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. FREF

**Karaoke**, 7:30-11:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

#### Outdoors/Recreation

**Thrifty Thursday Tee Times**, all day, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. \$50/hour.

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd. Sug. don. \$8.

#### Teens

**New Year's Vision Board**, 4pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

#### Theater

Christmas Presence: Stories & Songs, 7:30pm, The Richard E. Wildish Theater, Spfd. \$18.75-25.

The 39 Steps, 7:30-10pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove.

#### **December 20**

#### FRIDAY

#### Art/Craft

**Paint & Sip: Snowman**, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

#### Dance

**Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker**, 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$18-70.

#### Film

**Torrent (2024)**, 6:30pm & 7:30pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$10.

#### **G**atherings

**LGBTQ+ Youth Group**, 4pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

#### Kids/Family

**Celebrate Winter: Songs & Stories**, 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library. FREE.

#### Lectures/Classes

**Djembe Drumming for Beginners**, 3:30-4:30pm, Djembe Trading Post, 1740 W. 10th Ave. \$10.

**Lifestyle & Nutrition Course**, 7-8:30pm, Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Dr. FREE.

#### Markets

**Winter Solstice Night Market**, 4-8pm, The Hybrid Gallery, 941 W. 3rd Ave.

#### Music

**Jessica LaMotte**, classical piano, 5:30pm, Sarver Winery, 25600 Mayola Ln. N/C.

Elyce Tyler Band, Americana, blues, folk rock, 6-8pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon. N/C.

**High Tolerance**, rock fusion, 6pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F. N/C.

Henry Cooper Trio Winter Solstice Party, blues, 6-9pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

**Big Sue & Janet**, blues, swing, jazz, 7-9pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Friday Night Laser Show, 7pm, Eugene Science Ctr., 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. \$7.50.

Stone in Love, Journey tribute, 7-10pm, Olsen Run Comedy Club, 44 E. 7th Ave.

**Jingle All The Way!**, 7:30pm, The Shedd, 868 High St. \$24-36.

**Meadow Rue**, string, 7:30pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. N/C.

Oregon Mozart Players: Candlelight: Glow, 7:30pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 555 E. 15th Ave. \$30-65.

#### Samantha Pace & Friends,

Christmas music, 7:30-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$20.

**Sweet N' Juicy**, funk, 7:30-9:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

**Upstate Trio**, classic rock, bluegrass, funk, 7:30pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th

St. N/C.

Coupe de Ville, classic rock,
8pm-midnight, The Embers,

1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C. **Daddy Rabbit**, '50s-'70s rock, 8pm-midnight, Happy

Hours, 645 River Rd. N/C.

Candlelight: The Nutcracker

Mars. 9.10:15pm. First

& More, 9-10:15pm, First Christian Church Eugene, 1166 Oak St. \$27-59.

**Sara B3, 45 RPM**, r&b, soul, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$15-20.

#### Nightlife

**Kinky Bingo**, 8-11pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$10.

#### Outdoors/Recreation

Fun Friday Goat Yoga™ Holiday Edition, 6-7pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$28.

#### Social Dance

**Church of '80s**, 9pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$4.

#### **Spiritual**

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Recovery Meeting, 10-11:30am, Jesco Club, 340 Blair Blvd. FREE.

#### Theater

Christmas Presence: Stories & Songs, 2pm & 7:30pm, The Richard E. Wildish Theater, Spfd. \$18.75-25.

**CATS**, 7:30-10:15pm, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette. \$21-59.

The 39 Steps, 7:30-10pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-29.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) w/ Shadowcast, 8-11pm, Whiteside Theatre, 461 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis \$25

#### **December 21**

#### SATURDAY

#### Art/Craft

**Photos w/ Santa**, 9am-noon, Pegasus Playhouse, 402 Main St., Spfd. Don.

Winter Solstice Workshop: Hearth Brooms & Dipped Beeswax Candles, noon-4pm, MECCA Nonprofit, 555 High St. \$25

Paint & Sip: Elf in Tree, 3-5pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

Broken Open Hearts Club Reception, 4-7pm, The Hybrid Gallery, 941 W. 3rd Ave.

Paint & Sip: Gingerbread Man, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste.

#### Comedy

Pete Holmes, 7pm & 9:30pm, Olsen Run Comedy Club, 44 E. 7th Ave. \$40-55.

#### Dance

Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker, 2pm & 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$18-70.

#### Festival

**Solstice Soiree**, 5-8pm, Iris Vineyards Wine Bar, 322 Main St., Spfd. \$12.

#### Film

**Torrent (2024)**, 7:30pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$10.

#### Gatherings

Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30-10:30am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

**TransParent Group**, 11am-12:30pm. Email Info@TransPonder.Community for link. FREF

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Santa, 11am-3pm, The Black Cultural Initiative, 1695 Jefferson St. FREE. Death Cafe, 2-3:30pm, Epis-

Death Cafe, 2-3:30pm, Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, 2537 Game Farm Rd., Spfd. FREE.

Victorian Christmas Open House, 4-7pm, Heceta Lighthouse B&B, 92072 Hwy 101 S. Yachats. FREE.

**Death Cafe**, 4:30-6pm, Ctr. For Spiritual Living, Eugene, 390 Vernal St. FREE.

#### **Kids/Family**

Storytime w/ George, noon-1pm, Books w/ Pictures Eugene, 296 E. 5th Ave., ste. 224. FREE.

**Builders & Makers**, 3-5pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

#### Lectures/Classes

Perk Up Your Health w/ Coffee w/ Yaakov Levine, 11am-noon,

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Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd. FREE.

**Diembe Drumming for Begin**ners, 1-2pm, Djembe Trading Post, 1740 W. 10th Ave. \$10.

**Eugene Saturday Market's** Holiday Market, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W.

Myco Mingle & Christmush Sale, 5-8pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Eugene Holiday Market Stage, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. N/C.

Jingle All The Way!, 3pm, OSU LaSells Stewart Ctr., 875 SW 26th St., Corvallis. \$34.

**Timothy Patrick's Holiday** 

Hootenanny, 5:30-7:30pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1144 Charnelton St. \$25.

Gotta Wear Shades, blues, Americana, 6-8pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F. N/C.

Acoustic Minds, EDM, hip hop, soul, 7-9pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Garcia Birthday Band, Grateful Dead tribute, 7pm Whirled Pies, 199 W. 8th Ave. \$20-22.

Solstice Songwriters w/ Marcus Brown & Sanjuro, country, folk, 7pm, The Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave. \$10-20.

We Are Jubilate: Solstice Choral Concert, 7-8pm, First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis. N/C.

Dan Parslow Band, soul, blues. 7:30pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. N/C.

**Oregon Mozart Players: Candle**light: Glow, 7:30pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 555 E. 15th Ave. \$30-65.

Sweet N' Juicy, funk, 7:30-9:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Coupe de Ville, classic rock, 8pm-midnight, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

Mechanix, old wave classic rock, 8-11:45pm, Bugsy's, 559 Pacific Hwy W., Junction City. N/C.

Not Done Yet, classic rock, blues, soul, 8pm-midnight Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

#### **Thievery Corporation**,

electronic, trip hop, 8pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette. \$44.50-69.50.

Calvin Orlando Smith, jazz, 8:45-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$25.

#### Nightlife

Drag Bingo, 5-7pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St.

DJ Nights, 8pm, Twisted Duck Pub, 529 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd. FREE.

#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

Original Goat Yoga™ Holiday Mini Retreat, 4-5:30pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$45.

Winter Solstice Group Ride. 4-6pm, Shift Community Cycles, 811 W. 6th Ave.

#### Social Dance

Dance Empowered w/ Cynthia Valentine, 9-10am, WOW Hall. 291 W. 8th Ave. \$12-100.

#### **Spiritual**

Let's Just Sit Together, 10:30am-noon, Buddha Eye Temple, 2190 Garfield St FREE-\$10.

Celtic/Wiccan Winter Solstice Service, 7pm, Unity Church, 3912 Dillard St. Sliding scale \$20.

Teen Takeover, 7-10pm, Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave. FREE-\$8.

**Christmas Presence: Stories** & Songs, 2pm, The Richard E. Wildish Theater, Spfd. \$18.75-25.

Live Nativity, 7-9pm, Friendly St. Church of God, 2290 Friendly St. FREE.

CATS, 7:30-10:15pm, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette. \$21-59.

The 39 Steps, 7:30-10pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-29.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) w/ Shadowcast, 8-11pm, Whiteside Theatre, 461 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$25.

**Holiday Drag Show**, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$10.

#### **December 22**

SUNDAY

#### *Art/Craft*

Photos w/ Santa, 9am-noon, Pegasus Playhouse, 402 Main St, Spfd., OR 97477,

**Holiday Goats & Stained Glass** Workshop, 10am-1pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$125.

Paint & Sip: Santa's Coming, 2-4pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

#### Benefits

Bingo for Snowdays Foundation, 3-5pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon.

#### Comedy

Hand Shoes & Horse Grenades, 7:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. FREE.

gift wrapping." — Emma J Nelson

**DEC 22-24** 

#### Dance

Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker, 2pm, Hult Ctr. \$18-70.

#### Food/Drink

Holiday Gift Wrapping, noon-11pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

#### **Gatherings**

Sunday Gathering, 10:30-11:30am, The Center, 390 Vernal Śt. FREE.

Victorian Christmas Open **House**, 4-7pm, Heceta Lighthouse B&B, 92072 Hwy 101 S. Yachats. FREE.

#### Kids/Family

Family Fun w/ Building, 1-4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library. FREE.

#### Literary Arts

Poetry in the Round, 12:30-2pm, Coburg Commons Bookstore, 91193 N. Willamette, Coburg. FREE.

Writing Time, 6:30-9pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

#### Markets

**Eugene Saturday Market's** Holiday Market, 10am-6pm, Lane Évents Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave.

#### Music

Holiday Gift Wrapping is noon to 11 pm Sunday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 23, and noon to 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 24, at The Bier Stein, 1591

Willamette Street. FREE with any purchase of food or drink.

Eugene Holiday Market Stage, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. N/C.

It's less than a week until Christmas,

and you still haven't done your holi-

day gift wrapping. Whatever shall you do? Sarah Firth, the general manager of The Bier Stein, recommends you head over to the storefront with those presents, grab a brew or two and work in "a place you can wrap for the kiddos/partner/roommate where they can't walk in on the surprise," she says. Although customers are welcome to bring their own supplies, The Bier Stein will provide wrapping paper, bags and boxes, tissue paper, ribbons and bows, and anything else you could need to pristinely wrap your holiday gifts. There will even be Ted Lasso and Paw Patrol paper while supplies last, so get there early! All those supplies are free with any purchase, be it food and drink or some The Bier Stein merchandise. Not great at wrapping? No worries! Ali Hudnall, The Bier Stein's event coordinator and gift wrapper extraordinaire, will be in-house from noon to 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 22 and Monday Dec. 23 — and all day Christmas Eve — to assist you with any gift-wrapping woes. "Ali can provide wrapping skills or help with final touches like curling ribbon and, of course, recommend a great beer that pairs with gift wrapping," Firth says. "Hint: All beer pairs well with

> Timothy Patrick, blues, rock, jazz, folk, 1-4pm, Bennett Vineyards & Wine Co., 25974 OR-36, Cheshire. N/C.

Jingle All The Way!, 3pm, The Shedd, 868 High St. \$24-36.

Bees in a Bottle, singersongwriters, 3:30-5:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

RWMcCabe Studios: Open Mic, 4-7pm, Coldfire Brewing Co., 263 Mill St. N/C.

EastSide Sunday Jam, 5pm, Twisted River Saloon, 1444 Main St., Spfd. N/C.

Open Mic, 5:30-8:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

#### Nightlife

Bingo, 5:30pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette. FREE.

Karaoke, 7:30-11:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

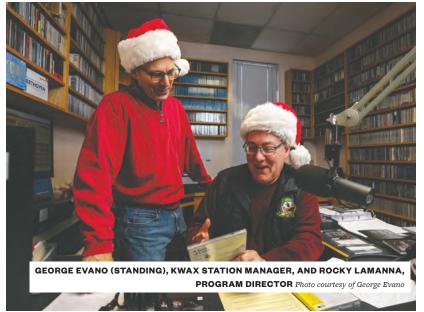
#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

Sunday Funday Goat Yoga™ Holiday Edition, 4-5pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe.





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DEC 24, 26 Whether it's playing in the background while you unwrap gifts or you're dancing to it while your hot cocoa cools, music can make or break the

holiday. When it comes to Christmas and Hanukkah tunes, **KWAX 91.1 FM Classical Oregon**, the University of Oregon's all-classical public radio station, has you covered. With the turn of a dial — or the opening of a live stream — you can fill your home with all the Christmas music your heart desires on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25; Hanukkah music kicks off on Thursday, Dec. 26. Highlights, of course, include *Joshua Bell and Friends Christmas Party*, which features the work of Grammy award-winning violinist and conductor Joshua Bell, at 5 pm Dec. 24; *Christmas at the Movies*, which showcases classical covers of many holiday movie soundtracks, at 3 pm Dec. 25; and *A Chanukah Celebration with Chicago A Capella*, which boasts the dulcet mouth sounds of more than 20 performers, at noon Dec. 26. George Evano, KWAX Classical Oregon's general manager, recommends tuning in at 8 am Christmas day for *St. Olaf Christmas Festival* and its "tradition, sweet choral and vocal music to open gifts by," or at 4 pm Dec. 26 for the Itzhak Perlman special. "He's funny and personable and there'll be great stories of the Jewish traditions to match the music," Evano says. Get festive, and turn that music up! — *Emma J Nelson* 

KWAX 91.1 FM Classical Oregon's three-day holiday special is 8 am Tuesday, Dec. 24, to 4 pm Thursday, Dec. 26. Visit KWAX.uoregon.edu/listen for ways to listen. Visit KWAX.uoregon.edu/Yule-Love-These-Holiday-Specials-KWAX-FM for program scheduling.

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#### Social Dance

**Square Dance Classes**, 1-4pm, Emerald Square Dance Ctr., 2095 Yolanda Ave., Spfd.

#### Spiritual

God Speaks in Modern Times, 10-11:30am, Baha'i Ctr. of Eugene, 1458 Alder St.

Emerald Valley Ctr. for Spiritual Living, 4pm, Hilyard Community Ctr., 2580 Hilyard St. Don.

#### **Theater**

**The 39 Steps**, 2:30-5pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-29.

#### **December 23**

MONDAY

#### Art/Craft

Holiday Craft Camp, 9am-5pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette. \$65.

#### Food/Drink

Holiday Gift Wrapping, noon-11pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

#### **Gatherings**

**Connection Recovery Support Group**, 6-7:30pm, Fern Ridge Library, 88026 Territorial Hwy., Veneta. FREE.

#### **Kids/Family**

Builders & Makers, 3-5pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

#### Markets

Eugene Saturday Market's Holiday Market, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave.

#### Music

Eugene Holiday Market Stage, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. N/C.

**Open Mic**, 5:30-7:30pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. N/C.

**Open Mic**, 6:30-10pm, Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

#### Nightlife

**Cribbage Night**, 6:30-8:30pm, Coldfire Brewing Co., 263 Mill St. \$3.

**FWD Trivia**, 7-9pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. FREE.

**Game & Movie Night**, 8-10pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

**Bingo**, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. FREE.

#### Social Dance

Dance Empowered w/ Cynthia Valentine, 5:30-6:30pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$12-100

#### **December 24**

TUESDAY

#### Comedy

**Amusedays Comedy Mic**, 7pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. FREE.

#### Dance

Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker, 2pm, Hult Ctr. \$18-70.

#### Food/Drink

**Holiday Gift Wrapping**, noon-11pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

**Toast to Tuesdays**, 4pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. FREE

#### Kids/Family

**Builders & Makers**, 3-5pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

#### Literary Arts

**Writing Time**, 9:30am-noon, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Email Info@TranFREE.

Eugene Saturday Market's Holiday Market, 10am-4pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave.

sPonder.Community for link.

Hanukkah Foods & Gifts, 2-4pm, The Emporium Veneta, 87980 Territorial Hwy, Veneta.

#### Music

Eugene Holiday Market Stage, 10am-4pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. N/C.

#### Nightlife

**Bingo w/ Ty Connor**, 6:30-8:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

#### Social Dance

**Salsa Dancing**, 7pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

#### December 25

WEDNESDAY

#### **CHRISTMAS**

#### Markets

Hanukkah Foods & Gifts, 11am-1pm, The Emporium Veneta, 87980 Territorial Hwy, Veneta.

#### **Spiritual**

Emerald Valley Ctr. for Spiritual Living, 5:30-6:30pm, Hilyard Community Ctr., 2580 Hilyard St. Don.

#### December 26

THURSDAY

#### Benefits

Bingo Night for CASA of Lane County, 7-9pm, Twisted Duck, 533 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

#### Food/Drink

**Thirsty Thursday**, 4pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. FREE.

#### Literary Arts

**Writing Time**, 2:30-5pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

#### Music

**Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts**, 6pm, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

**DJ Jon Smith**, vinyl, 8pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. N/C.

**Funk Jam**, 9pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

#### Nightlife

Boxing Day Trivia w/ Rob & Lorraine, 6-8:30pm, Hop Valley Brewing Co., 990 W. 1st Ave. FREE.

Shelbyville Trivia w/ Brett, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F. FREE.

**FWD Trivia**, 7-9pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. FREE.

**Karaoke**, 7:30-11:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

#### Outdoors/Recreation

**Thrifty Thursday Tee Times**, all day, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. \$5/hour.

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd. Sug. don.

#### **Spiritual**

Tarot Practice Circle, 7-8:30pm, Brightheart Alchemy Guides, 995 Lewis Ave., apt 4. FREE-\$9.

#### Theater

**Brat Behavior: Charity Fundraiser**, 8-10:30pm, Old Nick's, 221 Washington St. \$5.



## Live music returns at Wandering Goat Coffee Co. in the Whit

#### **BY WILL KENNEDY**

t's been a scary few months for Eugene music fans. In November, downtown venue The Big Dirty announced it was closing, and Sam Bond's Garage in the Whiteaker said it would shut down and was up for sale.

On the bright side, Sam Bond's has had a stay of execution, reboot pending, and after a yearslong, pandemic-related hiatus, Wandering Goat Coffee Company on Madison has resumed hosting shows.

Goat General Manager Aaron Maltz says since the COVID shutdown, the Goat operated window service only and considered reopening the coffee shop space for customers and music, but the timing felt wrong.

Maltz, who used to play in the Eugene ska band The Varicoasters, says a few house venues in the Whit recently shuttered, so the Goat, which had already reopened the café, filled the void.

"It just felt right," Maltz tells Eugene Weekly in an email, and like before the pandemic, the Goat will typically book punk, metal and hardcore but will be open to other genres as well.

"Eugene lacks all-ages venues catering to those genres around town," Maltz says. "We're trying to help fill that gap."

Since Goat concerts resumed, videos have circulated on social media showing an enthusiastic mass of concert-goers moshing to the music. Maltz says the shows have been well-attended, and audiences are happy to have the Goat's live music back.

"It's awesome to have a place for new Eugene bands to develop an audience. Nothing has gone wrong, and most everything has gone right," Maltz says.

Unlike before the pandemic, the Goat clears all the tables, chairs and counters out of the way for the concerts so that the space is one big open room, more conducive to seeing bands play.

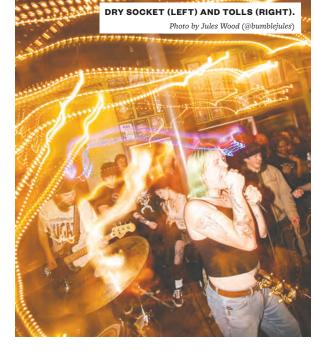
Concert planners also say shows will happen after the café is closed, rather than what it was like before when audiences mixed with patrons at the Goat for other reasons.

However, the overall look and feel of the venue remains as it was before the COVID shutdown.

"We have developed an aesthetic and are sticking to that," Maltz says. "Some people call it '90s. Some call it DIY. It's just our thing. I feel that the shows mirror that aesthetic. It is like seeing a show at a small club or café in the '90s."

Maltz says it's like entering a world that "was once very important and prevalent in Eugene" that no longer exists.

"We've had three shows per week or two for the month,



and both scenarios are fine with us," Maltz says. "Shows are always all-ages. We try to start them as close to 6:30 or 7 pm. There's generally a cover, but many of the shows are 'NOTAFLOF,' which stands for 'No One Turned Away For Lack of Funds."

The Goat produces shows in collaboration with venue bookers like Nail House, a house venue that shut down last summer, and RAD, the local nonprofit that throws all-ages punk shows at Washington Jefferson Skatepark and Blairally Vintage Arcade in the Whit focused on inclusivity, community building, youth mental health and harm reduction.

Live music, in general, is still finding its feet after the pandemic, but Maltz is optimistic. "I think with the cost of living continuously increasing, we're going to see more regional scenes develop much like in the '90s," Maltz says.

He adds, "It's just becoming too expensive to tour without guarantees" — or an agreement the venue will pay a set amount, regardless of turnout — "and fewer people can take time off work to sleep in a van and lose money for any length of time."

"But people will always want to create music and find an outlet for their art," he says, "so local scenes will once again blossom. That's my hope, at least."

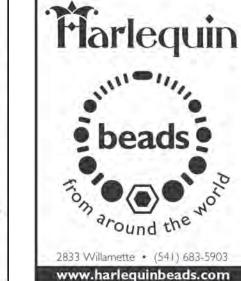
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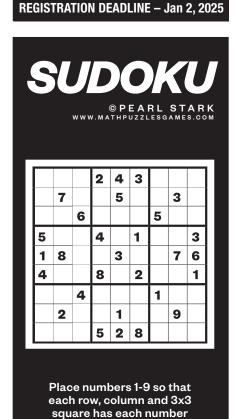
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BY MATT JONES

"Reverse Routes"--if you switched them...

Across "\_\_: The Hands of Fate" ("MST3K" classic) 6. Helpers, briefly 11. Relay section

14. Dangly throat thing 15. Antique photo tone 16. "\_\_\_ just figured it out" 17. Portable brain?

19. Outburst 20. Bigger than big 21, 1967 spelled-out #1 hit

name 25. Microscopic

29. Little kid 31. Color in the Atlético

36. "Annabel Lee" poet 37. Keep up 39. Raw mineral

40. Certain ticket buyers 42. 1,000-plus-year realm,

44. de parfum 45. Feeder user

47. H.S. exams 49. Glow 23. Jackie's second married 51. Wedding cake specification

26. Arouse, as curiosity 30. Progressive character

32. Haunted house noise 33. Spock's home planet

for short

43. "Hook" sidekick 46. "People tell me ..."

53. Bagel varieties

57. Live mascot of the Bulldogs 58. Dub some DJ turntablism over a Pixar Madrid logo

movie? 60. "I finally made it through \_\_\_ school" ("Like a

Surgeon" opener) 61. Actress Watts 62. Catherine who played Moira Rose 63. "\_\_\_ XING" 64. Eye-related

65. "Grand" mountain

Down

1. G.H. \_\_\_ (name on champagne bottles) 2. Converse competitor 3. "Sister Act" group 4. Someone wise beyond their years, it's said 5. Nicole Kidman's role in "Moulin Rouge!" 6. Hazardous fireproofing material 7. Sun. lecture

8. Budget airline that filed

for bankruptcy in late 2024

9. Fork points 10. Sinks under pressure 11. Your future? 12. Boot out 13. California art museum,

with "the" 18. Eggs in a lab

22. Dispensary unit 24. Placated 26. Largest of the Three

**Bears** 27. Polo shirt producer 28. Line up for first dibs using the plus sign?

30. A good time (hopefully had by all) 32. City transit 33. "La en rose'

34. Measure of coverage \_\_\_-do-well 35. 37. "Rugrats" father 38. Skilled at sculpture,

perhaps 41. "The \_\_\_ of Us" 43. Encase, as a sword

45. Bird in a Monty Python sketch

46. Summer complaint 47. Baffle

48. "Shucks, stop it!" 49. Quickly review

50. Agcy. spawned by the Manhattan Project 52. "Money \_\_\_ object" 54. Medieval defense

feature 55. Word on Dutch coins

56. Bridge section 59. "What \_\_\_, made of



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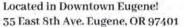
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I was a sex worker for over a decade. Lately though, I have thought about a client from my past who always stuck with me and I'm now wondering what I should do.

We had the most incredible night. It was absolutely mind-blowing sex, as I felt like finally someone perfectly matched my energy and technical ability. That kind of chemistry is rare, but he was married and getting divorced, and the one requirement his wife had of him was that he couldn't see me again. Knowing we can't be together, what should I do? I fantasize about him, I think about contacting him, and I wish I could see him again.

How do I forget about him? Or should I reach out? Lately it's all I can think about, even though I have many other opportunities for partners. He's a fan of yours, so there's a good chance he'll read this.

- Chemistry Like I've Never Gotten

Seeing as you just reached out to this former client in my column - assuming this former client of yours is still a reader of mine — telling you not to reach out to him would be equal parts pointless and hypocritical. By running your letter, CLINGS, I have enabled this act of reaching out. I own my complicity.

Anyway, CLINGS, even if your former client sees this, he's under no obligation to respond. My hunch is that this mansomeone you shared one amazing night of transactional sex with many years ago has either reconciled with his wife (if not, her feelings about who he sees wouldn't matter) or had other reasons he didn't want to see you again after the divorce that he didn't share with you. If you didn't hear from him after their divorce (assuming it happened), CLINGS, it's possible the chemistry wasn't as intense for him as it was for you (which happens) or the sex was amazing for him because it was transactional (also happens) or he has hangups about your line of work (also happens).

If he's the kind of guy who looks down on the sex workers he hires, CLINGS, you wouldn't wanna be with him. Chemistry or no chemistry, you wouldn't be safe with him, emotionally or physically.

Intense chemistry is hard to forget, CLINGS, and I understand why you would wanna reach out to this man years later - there's this Dutch boy I spent a single night with decades ago that I still think about - but sometimes an amazing connection runs its course in a single night. The belief that one perfect night could or should become one perfect lifetime is a logical fallacy that prevents us from fully appreciating good memories, which are all we ultimately have.

An obsession with what could've been - you with your client, me with my Dutch boy — can prevent us from appreciating what actually was. So, give it a couple of weeks. If you don't hear from your old client, CLINGS, you'll know it's time to jump on one or two of those new opportunities.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you worked eight hours per day, seven days a week, it would take you 300 years to count to the number one billion. I don't recommend you try that. I also discourage you from pursuing any other trivial tasks that have zero power to advance your long-term dreams. In a similar spirit, I will ask you to phase out minor longings that distract you from your major longings. Please, Aries, I also beg you to shed frivolous obsessions that waste energy you should instead  $devote\ to\ passion at e\ fascinations.\ The\ counsel\ l'm\ offering\ here\ is\ always\ applicable,\ of\ course,\ but$ you especially need to heed it in the coming months.

TAURUS (April 20-Mαy 20): In 1951, minister and author Norman Vincent Peale was working on a new book. As he wrote, he would regularly read passages to his wife, Ruth. She liked it a lot, but he was far less confident in its worth. After a while, he got so discouraged he threw the manuscript in the trash. Unbeknownst to him, Ruth retrieved it and stealthily showed it to her husband's  $publisher, who loved it. \ The book went on to sell five million copies. \ Its \ title? \ \textit{The Power of Positive}$ Thinking. I hope that in 2025, you will benefit from at least one equivalent to Ruth in your life,  $Taurus. \ Two\ or\ three\ would\ be\ even\ better.\ You\ need\ big\ boosters\ and\ fervent\ supporters.\ If\ you$ don't have any, go round them up.

 $\textbf{\textit{GEMINI}} \ \ (\text{\textit{May 21-June 20}}): \text{I love how colorfully the creek next to my house expresses itself.}$ As high tide approaches, it flows south. When low tide is on its way, it flows north. The variety of its colors is infinite, with every shade and blend of green, grey, blue and brown. It['s never the same shape. Its curves and width are constantly shifting. Among the birds that enhance its beauty are  $mallards, sandpipers, herons, grebes, egrets \ and \ cormorants. \ This \ magnificent \ body \ of \ water \ has$ been a fascinating and delightful teacher for me. One of my wishes for you in 2025, Gemini, is that you will commune regularly with equally inspiring phenomena. I also predict you will do just that. Extra beauty should be on your agenda!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Just 81 billionaires have commandeered half of the world's wealth. Even worse, those greedy hoarders are usually taxed the least. That's hard to believe! How is it even possible that such a travesty has come to pass? I also wonder if many of us non-billionaires have milder versions of these proclivities. Are there a few parts of me that get most of the goodies that my life provides, while other parts of me get scant attention and nourishment? The answer is yes. For example, the part of me that loves to be a creative artist receives much of my enthusiasm, while the part of me that enjoys socializing gets little juice. How about you, Cancerian? I suggest you explore this theme in the coming weeks and months. Take steps to achieve greater parity between the parts of you that get all they need and the parts of you that don't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Anthropologist Robin Dunbar theorizes that most of us have limits to our social connections. Typically, our closest circle includes five loved ones. We may also have 15 good friends, 50 fond allies, 150 meaningful contacts and  $1{,}500$  people we know. If you are interested in expanding any of these spheres, Leo, the coming months will be an excellent time to do so. In addition, or as an alternative, you might also choose to focus on deepening the relationships you have with existing companions and confederates.

 $m{VIRGO}$  (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Uncle  $m{Tom's}$   $m{Cabin}$  was the best-selling novel of the 19th century. It was written by a Virgo, Harriet Beecher Stowe. Her story about the enslavement of African Americans in the U.S. was not only popular. It awakened many people to the intimate horrors of the calamity — and ultimately played a key role in energizing the abolitionist movement. I believe you are potentially capable of achieving your own version of that dual success in the coming months. You could generate accomplishments that are personally gratifying even as they perform a good service for the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): According to my reading of the astrological omens, you will be teased with an abundance of invitations to grow in 2025. You will be encouraged to add to your current skills and expertise. You will be nudged to expand your understanding of what exactly you are doing here on planet Earth. That's not all, Libra! You will be pushed to dissolve shrunken expectations,  $transcend\ limitations, and\ learn\ many\ new\ lessons.\ Here's\ my\ question:\ Will\ you\ respond\ with\ full$ heart and open mind to all these possibilities? Or will you sometimes neglect and avoid them? I dare you to embrace every challenge that interests you

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio-born Rudolf Karel was a 20th-century Czech composer who created 17 major works, including symphonies and operas. His work was interrupted when Nazi Germany invaded and occupied his homeland. He joined the Czech resistance, but was eventually arrested and confined to Pankrác Prison. There he managed to compose a fairy-tale opera, Three Hairs of the Wise Old Man. No musical instruments were available in jail, of course, so he worked entirely in his imagination and wrote down the score using toilet paper and charcoal. I firmly believe you will not be incarcerated like Karel in the coming months, Scorpio. But you may have to be extra resourceful and resilient as you find ways to carry out your best work. I have faith that you can do it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What is the perfect gift I could offer you this holiday season? I have decided on a large square black box with nothing inside. There would be a gold ribbon around it bearing the words, "The Fruitful Treasure of Pregnant Emptiness." With this mysterious blessing, I would be fondly urging you to purge your soul of expectations and assumptions as you cruise into 2025. I would be giving you the message, "May you nurture a freewheeling voracity for  $\frac{1}{2}$ novel adventures and fresh experiences."

 $\pmb{CAPRICORN} \; (\textit{Dec. 22-Jan. 19}) : \; \textit{One of my paramount wishes for you in 2025 is this: You} \\$  $\hbox{will deepen your devotion to taking good care of yourself. You will study and learn more about the } \\$ sweet secrets to keeping yourself in prime mental and physical health. I'm not suggesting you have been remiss about this sacred work in the past. But I am saying that this will be a favorable time to boost your knowledge to new heights about what precisely keeps your body and emotions in top shape. The creative repertoire of self-care that you cultivate in the coming months will serve you well for the rest of your long life.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): To fulfill your life mission, to do what you came to earth to do, you must carry out many tasks. One of the most important is to offer your love with hearty ingenuity. What are the best ways to do that? Where should you direct your generous care and compassion? And which recipients of your blessings are likely to reciprocate in ways that are meaningful to you? While Jupiter is cruising through Gemini, as it is now and until June 2025, life will send you rich and useful answers to these questions. Be alert!

gations in 2025. Persistent riddles from your life's earlier years may be solvable. I encourage you to be aggressive in collecting previously inaccessible legacies. Track down missing heirlooms and family secrets. Just assume that ancestors and dead relatives have more to offer you than ever before. If you have been curious about your genealogy, the coming months will be a good time to explore it. I wish you happy hunting as you search for the blessings of yesteryear — and figure out

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